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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

## Getting Schooled

■ *Alternative institutions visited Valley College during Transfer Awareness Week*

BY SERENA DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

Where can you find a Chinese school of acupuncture, where homework includes giving a classmate a massage? What about a school where finger paintings are part of the curriculum? During Valley Transfer Awareness Week, of course.

More than 200 students attended a day-long event to get information from more than 50 area colleges.

Besides several UC and CSU schools, many smaller, private schools were present to let students know they have many choices as to where they can attend college.

"We don't require 56 or 60 units like many public universities," said Sonya Patel, a student representative from Alliant International University. Patel said that many community college students choose Alliant as an alternative to traditional public institutions because they can choose classes that interest them rather than having to follow general education requirements.

California Baptist University was there to shed new light on religious private schools. "When people think of a Christian college or university, they assume it's impossible to get a real education," said Nick Sanicola, a counselor at the Riverside campus. "On the contrary, we are required to not only teach all the UC requirements, but also all the religion courses. This gives our students a broader educational experience."

But for many Valley students, cost is an issue when deciding where to transfer. According to Sanicola, the average tuition at California Baptist University per year for students living on campus is about \$18,000. Since many community college students rely on financial aid, the UC and CSU systems are far more appealing.

At California State University Los Angeles, average tuition per year is about \$2,340 according to campus officials. More than 30 percent of undergraduates receive some sort of financial aid at California State Universities.

## Boo!



STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

**HALLOWEEN-** Morning "La Fleca" cries beside her lover's coffin in the Hollywood Cemetery on Oct. 26 during the Halloween celebration, "Hollywood Forever."

## Renovation Plans Approved

■ *The URS corporation continues renovations on campus.*

BY BEN JAURON  
NEWS EDITOR

The school's work and space committee has approved the construction of several new buildings on campus, and Valley College will look quite different in six years. But a problem of funding remains, and it's still unknown whether the funding of 2001's Proposition A school bond measure will

cover all the proposals of the master plan.

"The campus needs a lot more than the \$165 million allotted from prop A," said project manager Fred Parker. A great deal of the funding will also go to campus infrastructure and utilities that are not visible. "We can't spend all of the money on campus beautification and let dilapidated utilities remain in place."

Vice president of administrative services Tom Jacobsmeier added, "We

probably need another \$100 to \$150 million to upgrade the campus completely."

The URS corporation released their concept for the new look on campus recently, though the specifics of their architectural design are not yet determined.

Students and faculty have voiced concern over the placement of the new library (see graphic) in the center of the quad, but the location has been approved. As well as the library, the new building will

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## LAVC Teacher Runs for County Judge

■ *A Valley College Administration of Justice instructor is confident in his bid for superior court judge.*

BY BEN JAURON  
NEWS EDITOR

Craig Renetzky is proud to be a part-time community college teacher, and he is hoping to use the experience from his day job as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney to catapult himself onto the bench of the county superior court. The Valley College administration of justice instructor and his opponent Lancaster D.A. Richard Naranjo are running for Superior Court Judge office 39, which will be vacated by Judge Richard Spann Jan. 6.

"Renetzky is a hard-line criminal prosecutor," said Dr. Alfred Hutchings, chair of the administration of justice department. Hutchings knew Renetzky when he was an LAPD watch commander in Watts and Renetzky was a new attorney. "He may not be a snappy dresser, but he's one tough guy."

Renetzky has argued roughly 100 jury trials in his 11 years in the district attorney's office and is on

the Community Organization Multi-agency Narcotics Enforcement Team that goes into neighborhoods with drug problems to deal with resident's complaints. He teaches introduction to criminal justice in Campus Center room 202 Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. His students, who are all in high school, are part of an afternoon college program. He is also an emergency medical technician and has been a frequent guest speaker at Valley and other colleges.

Among the 58 individuals and organizations who endorse Renetzky are U.S. Congressman Howard Berman, California State Senator Richard Alarcon and Judge Lance Ito, according to online sources. Renetzky also said his law enforcement endorsements are across the board.

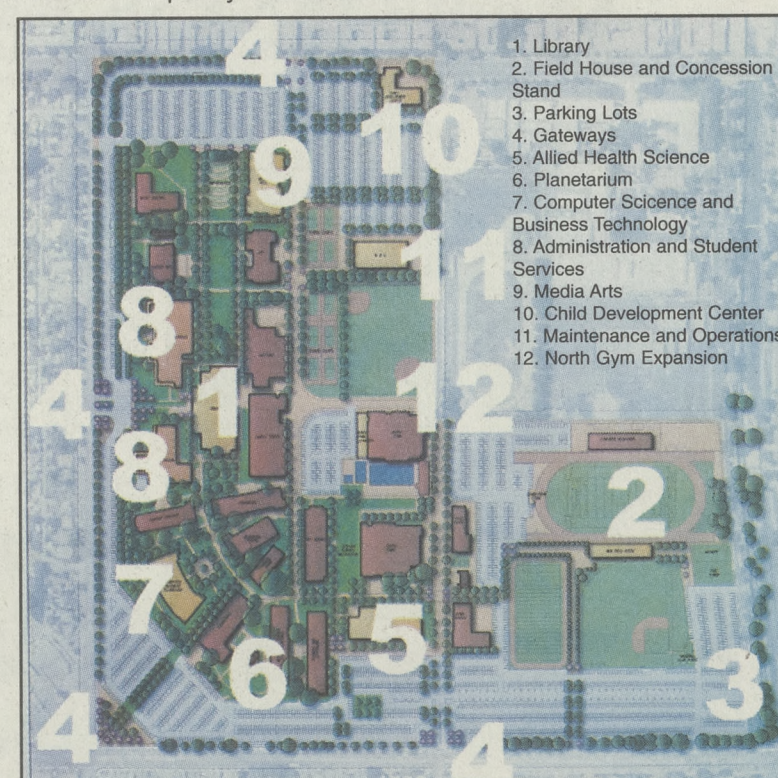
"Just because I have a lot of law enforcement endorsements doesn't mean I won't be fair," said Renetzky. He is especially proud of

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STAR PHOTO/TAMMY ABBOTT

**PROP. A-** Construction workers make progress in laying pipe and electrical lines for the new temporary classrooms on Oct. 25.



MAP COURTESY OF THE URS CORPORATION

## Public Schools Support Prop. 47

■ *The passing of Proposition 47 on Tuesday's ballot could help renovation funding.*

BY BEN JAURON AND  
KATHARINE ANDERSON  
NEWS EDITOR/STAFF WRITER

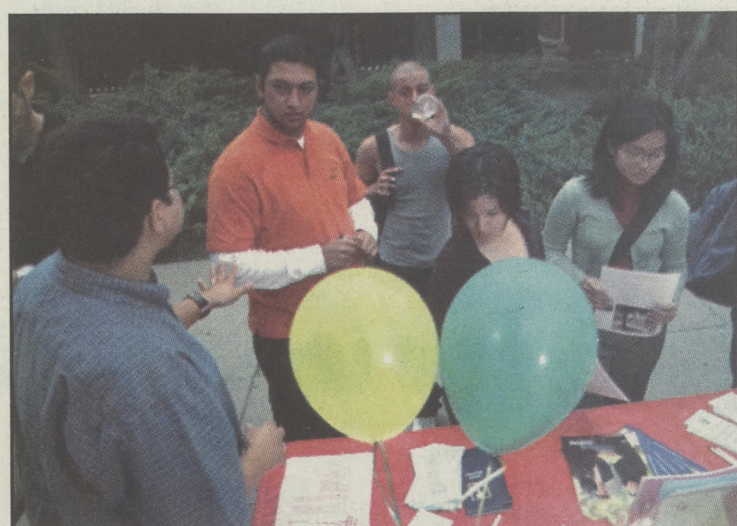
Valley College stands to receive \$14.5 million to assist in ongoing campus renovations if Proposition 47 is passed in Tuesday's election. The measure is

a \$13 billion state bond for educational institutions, which if passed will provide money to refurbish public schools in the elementary, secondary, college and university systems.

"Valley will have a small piece, but it's a big piece to us," said vice president of academic affairs Dr. Susan Carleo.

The funding derived from the passing of Proposition 47 would cover half the construction expenses for the new three-story allied health science building. This is a top priority because the current structures of the biology, chemistry, physics,

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STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

**TRANSFER FAIR-**Valley College students Omid Saboohi in orange and Eric Sapir in gray hear from University representatives about their options to transfer.



# 2 Opinion

## The Word On F



COURTESY OF CATHLEEN KENNEDY

**CATHLEEN KENNEDY**  
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 5, voters will decide whether to break up the city of Los Angeles. They will also vote for a mayor and councilmembers for the proposed cities, and the names of the respective cities.

Voting yes on Measure F would be a dangerous gamble. Residents of Valley city would have to pay the City of Los Angeles \$1.3 billion over the next 20 years and will receive no services in return. The first year's payment to Los Angeles will be \$128 million, 11 percent of the proposed city budget.

If secession is approved, the new city will not qualify for the state funds and many aging programs will be taken away. In addition, Valley renters will represent only 25 percent of registered voters, not the present 60 percent, who carry a respectable amount of political clout. The same people who oppose renters' rights are running for office in the new city, and the California Attorney General says their campaign promises regarding tenant rights cannot be enforced after the election.

Reality of secession means 120 days after a new city would be formed, Valley residents would no longer have protection of the City of Los Angeles rent control law, living wage ordinance, gun safety laws, environmental protection laws, planning and zoning laws, or any of the other L.A. City ordinances.

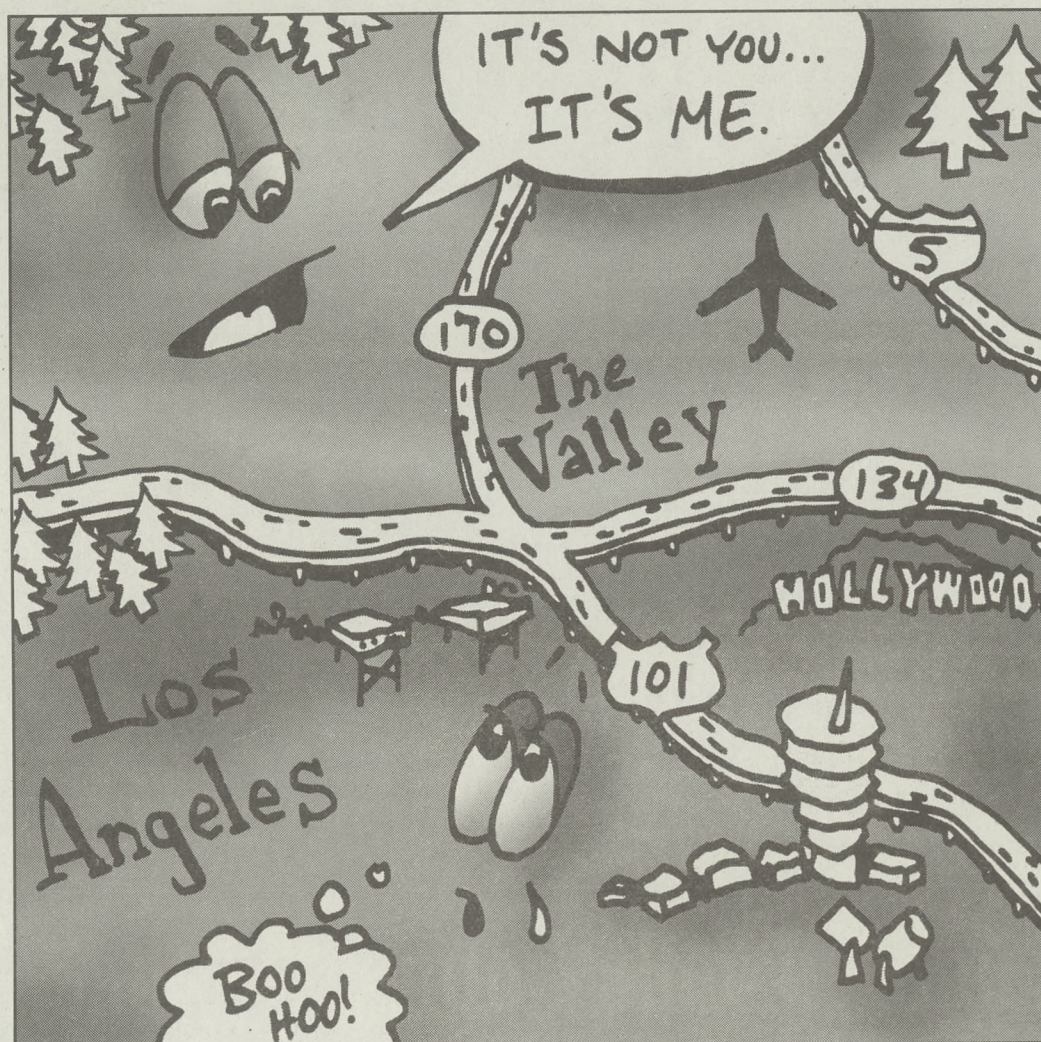
The new Valley city would have a part-time city council, with councilmembers paid \$12,000 a year, forcing them to have other jobs. Residents may not be able to contact elected officials easily.

The more I know about secession, the more I say no! Secession will not solve the problems its proponents say it will. The great strength of Los Angeles is its position of regional power. Los Angeles is the nation's second largest city. With voter approval, the valley would become the nation's sixth largest city, taking with it a third of Los Angeles's population, a third of its land and a big chunk of its stature and pride.

Secession will create chaos, confusion and hardship. The end result will be citizens paying HIGHER taxes and utility rates while receiving FEWER services. Secession will not offer more local control; it will create more bureaucracy.

"Breaking apart Los Angeles won't provide one dime of additional resources to a new city and will leave the remaining city wounded," Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn said in his state of the city address. "A break-up will create more bureaucracy, more politicians, fewer resources and diminished services."

Bottom line is you need to vote no, in this heated and confusing debate. There is not enough study done on all the financial implications of a breakup. Busting up L.A. should not be the topic. The more you know, the less you like it. We are stronger together.



COURTESY OF DYLAN HAY-CHAPMAN

If Measure F passed and the San Fernando Valley broke away from Los Angeles to become its own city, taxpayers would be sure that their money stayed in their neighborhood. City officials would be more responsive, more effective, and more focused on local priorities.

Valley residents currently pay \$128 million more in taxes than they receive in services. According to the voters' guide published by the Civic Forum, the new Valley city will have 14 city council districts, each with about 97,000 residents. Los Angeles city districts currently serve nearly 250,000 residents each. Not only would a more localized city government be easier to deal with, revenue funds would be more evenly distributed. Residents would feel confident that the money they pay in taxes would return to them in public services.

A 16-point pamphlet by anti-secession group One L.A. claims that Valley residents would be forced to pay the city of L.A. \$1.3 billion over the next 20 years and will have no services in return, beginning with an initial payment of \$128 million. But remember – Valley taxpayers are already forking out that same chunk of money every year and get nothing for it; that's why many want to secede. But since the city of L.A. would suddenly lose \$128 million from its budget, an "alimony" payment by the new Valley city would have to be imposed in order to keep L.A. city workers from losing their jobs. The payment would decrease by 5 percent per year for 20 years. We're already paying for services we're not getting; with the new proposal, that amount is guaranteed to diminish and eventually disappear. Without a secession, Valley taxpayers will continue to pay \$128 million annually for nothing, with no end in sight.

As for the claim that we won't receive any services, the city of L.A. would actually provide all public services to for six months, fire and police services for one year (after which Valley city could either contract those services from the city of L.A. or form departments of its own), and sewer services for 25 years. The city of L.A. will also continue to maintain the 18 parks in the valley owned by the Department of Water and Power.

And those who fear the expiration of existing L.A. city rent control, gun safety and environmental laws should keep in mind that the proposed plan for Valley city assumes a law structure virtually identical to that of L.A. city. Yes, the L.A. city laws will expire in Valley city after six months, but the identical Valley city laws will then take effect. Any changes in those laws would require a vote.

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### SPEAK NOW

QUOTES GATHERED BY R. LILA STENBERG

**What are your thoughts on the now pending war with Iraq?**

Claudia Perez, 20 – "I think Bush just wants to do what his father didn't get to do – pin Saddam Hussein. It seems to me that his main goal to

become president was to get Saddam Hussein."

Isaac Beck, 19 – "From what I understand wars are usually fought over resources, so the whole nuclear warfare threat with Saddam Hussein is just a cover-up of the fact that they

(the U.S.) want oil."

Sefi Assaf, 26 – "Since '92 Bush wants to finish the job of his father, and it's not about oil, America has a lot of oil in Antarctica. The US is a super-power, and if it wanted to crush

other nations it would. I'm on Bush's side."

Annalace Hillinger, 18 – "I think we could do without a war until we have proof that Iraq is making nuclear weapons. We shouldn't assume that they would direct it towards us."

Nathalie Flores, 17 – "I think Bush is more afraid of an attack on the US. Especially since 9/11 – it's more inevitable."

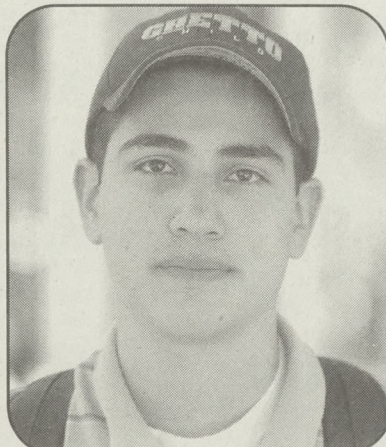
## Should the San Fernando Valley become its own city?

BY TAMMY ABBOTT



"It wouldn't be fair to all the San Fernando Valley residents that depend on the benefits of Los Angeles."

Domonique Ford  
Psychology



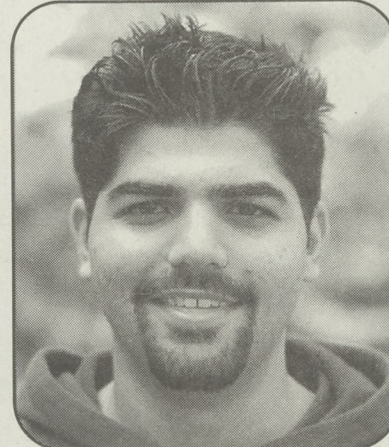
"A lot of our city council members are against it because it will cost too much money and take too much time to implement."

Steve Castrellon  
Paramedic



"Yes, I think the San Fernando Valley is big enough to become a city, it has every thing a city consists of."

Lilit Merjenian  
Law



"In the long term it will be more beneficial, but in the short term it will cost more money to pay Los Angeles for their "City Services."

Ali Hassanpour  
Biology

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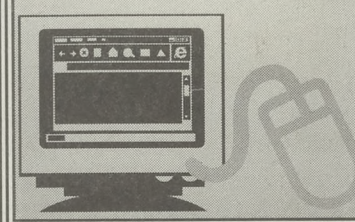
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# Valley Life <sup>3</sup>

## campus scene

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11:30 a.m. - Michael Sellers, Piano, Music Recital Hall

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6:00 p.m. President's Annual Gala, Sheraton Universal, admission charge (foundation event)

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3:30 p.m. - Museum Lecture, Cafeteria Conference Room,

## Students Get the Chills

Valley students give opinions on school hauntings.

BY CATHLEEN KENNEDY  
STAFF WRITER

When Valley students leave their classrooms for the night and janitors have finished cleaning up, the lights go out. At this time some rooms are said to be occupied by others... unexplained others.

"I definitely think we have a ghost in the theater room," stated student Jeff Weiss. "I think it's an actor that's lost and possibly caught in the stage curtains. It's very cold and weird by the stage."

So what is a ghost? Is it the earthbound spirit of someone who has died? Some people attempt to explain and define ghosts as energy forces created by great mental conflict, fear or pain, or simply an imprint in time. These blurred images from the past could also be bodies of beings traveling on some astral plane.

"I've experienced chills down my spine," said Alan Ault, music student. "The music department could have a couple of ghosts or something, sometimes it just feels eerie." Whatever ghosts

are, they do seem to exist. People see them, smell them, feel them and hear them. Parapsychologists hunt, measure and weigh them. Spiritualists communicate with them. And, sometimes, the clergy exorcises them.

Despite reports of moving curtains and strange noises, no one on campus has actually reported seeing anything supernatural.

"I don't believe in ghost nor do I think there are any on campus," said literature major William Aponte. "I think ghosts are a product of our imagination."

Churches, graveyards, castles, battlefields, theaters, national monuments, famous homes and private residents frequently have their own personal ghosts. Most studies indicate that ghosts are friendly, seldom move around much and appear again and again in the same location. Whatever the thought is on the subject, people are interested. In order to decide for yourself, next time you prowl the hallways at night or hear a strange noise when leaving school, don't rule out the supernatural.

## Student Benefits From AB540

BY SERENA DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

Jessica Salazar's hopes of moving on to a university have finally become a reality.

Thanks to Assembly Bill 540, Salazar and other undocumented students will be able to pay tuition at California resident fees, rather than having to struggle with international tuition. Students can now attend schools such as UCLA and pay the resident fee of \$4,224.77 rather than \$16,603.77 per year.

"It didn't really hit me [that I was undocumented] until high school," said Salazar, whose family came from El Salvador in 1983. "When it was time to apply to universities I realized that I couldn't."

Salazar attended Sylmar High School, where she was active in sports and ranked in the top 10 of her graduating class. Although she had the merits to get into many universities, her immigration status prevented her from qualifying for financial aid.

Shortly after her family moved to the United States, Salazar's mother filed for permanent residency. She added her daughter as a dependent but didn't fill out a residency appli-

cation for her. That small mistake followed Salazar for the next 18 years.

"My father is a citizen, my mother a permanent resident, and my three younger siblings were born here," said Salazar. "I'm the only one in the family in this situation and yet there is nothing that can be done about it until my application is reviewed."

After she graduated high school, Salazar began to doubt if she would ever have the chance to pay for a university education. "I felt so useless and pow-

erless. I even considered going to live on my own and study in El Salvador. At least there I could get my education without a hassle." But the thought of leaving her family and the only home she knew was too overwhelming for her so she decided to attend

Valley.

Salazar went with her mother to the admissions office and explained her situation. Luckily, she was able to avoid the international fee of \$151 per unit and she proceeded to take the steps necessary to change her status.



STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

**AB540-**Valley College Jessica Salazar looks forward to applying for some scholarships now that AB540 has been approved.

“They see someone involved in sports, someone with good grades, and so when I tell them I m not legal they re surprised.”

- Jessica Salazar

"Currently, I am allowed to go to school, but I can't have a real job yet so that is one of the issues I am working on at this point," Salazar said.

However, Salazar does what she can to stay busy. She was on the swimming, track and cross-country teams. She has maintained a 3.5 since 2000, when she started attending Valley, and she has been involved with student government for the past two years.

"People see me and notice that I don't even so much as have an accent" Salazar said. "They see someone involved in sports, someone with good grades and so when I tell them that I'm not legal, they're surprised. I guess I don't fit that stereotype of an undocumented student."

Since the inception of AB540 in September 2001, students are also eligible for many scholarships that were not available before, which is something Salazar looks forward to applying for.

Salazar is finishing up the requirements for her Associate's Degree and said she is looking forward to university life, as she has already been accepted to both UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz.

"I know that I am lucky compared to others out there, said Salazar. "There are many other people who would have never been able to afford school but I do want people to see that there is not just one type of person that the people you least expect can be affected by these issues."

## Movie Review: 'Punch Drunk Love'

BY RICK POWELL  
STAFF WRITER

"Punch-Drunk Love" can be described as a fabulous microcosm of a film. It is full of energy and wonderfully euphoric. Never has a film been more gratifying and moving while being so straight-forward. Adam Sandler has a wonderful career as a credible actor if he keeps focusing on films like this and stops making throw-away comedies. Sandler is tragic, lovable and delightfully sweet.

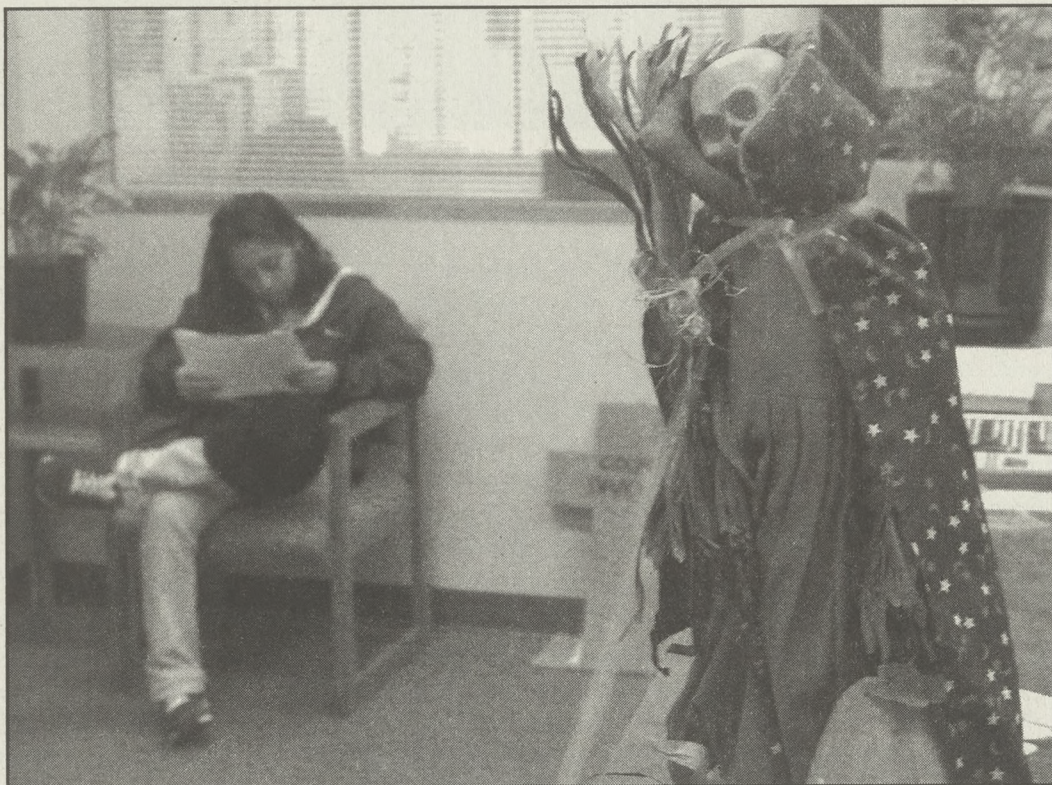
Raised in a family with seven sisters, Barry Egan (Sandler) is somewhat repressed, selling decorative "Fungers" (plungers with decorative tops) to tacky casinos. Avoiding his sisters by day and participating in phone sex by night, Barry has issues with rage and tends to cry at random. Then, serendipitously, Barry meets Lena Leonard and falls in love.

To some, there are consequences for being a pervert. Things take a downward spiral when a group of mullet-

sporting hicks come to collect money Barry refused to give to a phone sex operator. Now Barry must deal with his own demons as well as a physical threat to his life. Barry takes a journey that we all have or will soon take; proving that to be loved, we must first love ourselves. This journey is a tough one, but as everyone knows, love conquers all.

This film is quick; it never slows a beat for 89 minutes. It literally punches you and in the end, you leave feeling a bit lighter than when you came in. This is what movies are all about, the touching of a special place within the audience's collective heart. The message that it carries is so profound, uplifting and altogether comfortable that you can only walk out smiling.

I wish that there were more words to describe "Punch-Drunk Love," but after seeing the film, one might realize that the feeling they are left with says much more than any words ever could. And in the face of love, eloquence gets thrown right out the window.



STAR PHOTO/DANIEL COHEN

**GHOSTS ON CAMPUS-**One of Valley College's many ghosts resides in the Associated Student Union office.

## Food for Spooky Nights

Chef Sollars cooks up tasty Halloween treats

BY SHARI SOLLARS  
STAFF WRITER

With the arrival of cool autumn weather, I develop a craving for comfort foods. For a pre-Halloween party dinner for eight people, I created a menu that takes advantage of seasonal produce and satisfies my appetite for the warm, nourishing meals my mom made when I was growing up.

In honor of Halloween, I made a dense and moist pumpkin bread recipe that can be baked as a loaf or muffins. I found that canned pumpkin puree is just as good as fresh in this recipe and much less of a hassle. Two other seasonal fruits I used for this dinner were pomegranates and Fuyu persimmons.

According to Sharon Tyler Herbst's "Food Lover's Companion," Fuyus are one of two kinds of persimmon that are common in California markets. The other is called Hachiya, which is large and round (about 3 inches in

diameter) with a pointy, elongated bottom. It is soft and sweet when completely ripe and has a smooth, fleshy texture. The Fuyu is smaller, tomato-shaped, and quite firm when ripe. Both have a dark orange skin and flesh. Persimmons are in season from October through February.

Pomegranates have a pink leathery skin that conceals hundreds of juicy bright red seeds hidden inside. Pomegranates are grown throughout the Mediterranean, Asia, and California. Their short season here is from October to November. To remove the seeds, cut the pomegranate in half and carefully pry them out, removing the bitter white membrane that may stick.

I like to substitute ground turkey for ground beef when I make meatloaf because the fat content is much lower, and this recipe is so flavorful, many people can't tell the difference. Served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed green beans, this stick-to-your-ribs menu will keep you warm for a night of Trick-or-Treating.

### Colorful Autumn Salad

2 small heads butter lettuce, washed and torn into bite-sized pieces  
2 fuyu persimmons, peeled and sliced thinly (like an apple)  
Seeds from 1 pomegranate  
2/3 cup chopped roasted pistachios  
1/2 cup balsamic vinaigrette

Toss all ingredients together in a large salad bowl and serve.

### Turkey meatloaf with caramelized onions, red peppers, and sundried tomatoes

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 large red pepper, diced into medium-sized pieces  
2 pounds ground turkey  
3 slices fresh sourdough bread, cubed  
1/3 cup chopped drained oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes finely chopped  
1/2 cup ketchup plus more for brushing the top  
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons marjoram (preferably fresh but dried will work)  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons ground pepper

Preheat oven to 375°F. Heat oil in heavy medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion and red pepper; sauté until very tender, about 15 minutes. Transfer to large bowl. Add all remaining ingredients to vegetables in bowl; with hands, mix thoroughly. Transfer mixture to 9x5x3-inch glass loaf pan. Brush with ketchup and bake until meat loaf shrinks from sides of pan and top is brown, about one hour. A meat thermometer inserted into center should register 165°F. Cool five minutes, slice and serve.

### Garlic mashed potatoes

2 large heads garlic, whole, with top 1/4 inch sliced off to expose cloves  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
3 pounds Yukon gold or russet potatoes, peeled and cubed  
2/3 cup cream or half and half

6 tablespoons butter, sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place garlic sliced side up in a small glass baking dish. Drizzle each head with one teaspoon olive oil. Wrap baking dish with foil. Bake garlic until browned and soft, about one hour. Cool garlic, squeeze to release the cloves from skins. Cook potatoes in large pot of rapidly boiling salted water until tender, about 25 minutes. Drain; return potatoes to pot. Add garlic to potatoes and mash. Warm cream to a simmer in microwave or small saucepan. Add warm cream and butter to potatoes; stir to blend. Season with salt and pepper.

### Pumpkin bread

2 cups pumpkin puree (1 16-ounce can)  
2 cups sugar  
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoon baking powder  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon allspice  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Mix first five ingredients together thoroughly in a large bowl. Sift the remaining ingredients together and gently stir into pumpkin mixture. Do not overmix. Divide batter equally between two greased pans. Bake until a toothpick or knife inserted into center comes out clean, about one hour and 10 minutes. Transfer pans onto baking racks and cool 10 minutes. Using sharp knife cut around edge of loaves. Turn loaves out onto racks and cool completely. For muffins, line individual cups in a muffin tin with paper cupcake liners; fill each liner about 2/3 full. Bake muffins in middle of oven 20 to 25 minutes, until puffed and golden brown. Cool muffins in tins for five minutes and turn out onto baking rack. Serve with butterscotch pudding and whipped cream.



# 4 Valley Life

## The Valley Star Shines at JACC

■ The Valley Star won several awards at a recent competition

BY STERLING ANDREWS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Valley Star staff proudly added several shiny new plaques to its dusty collection of trophies last week after competing at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges convention.

Nearly 400 students from 24 Southern California colleges attended multiple workshops and competed in photography and writing contests during the two day event, held at the California State University, Fullerton campus. The Valley Star left with 13 awards.

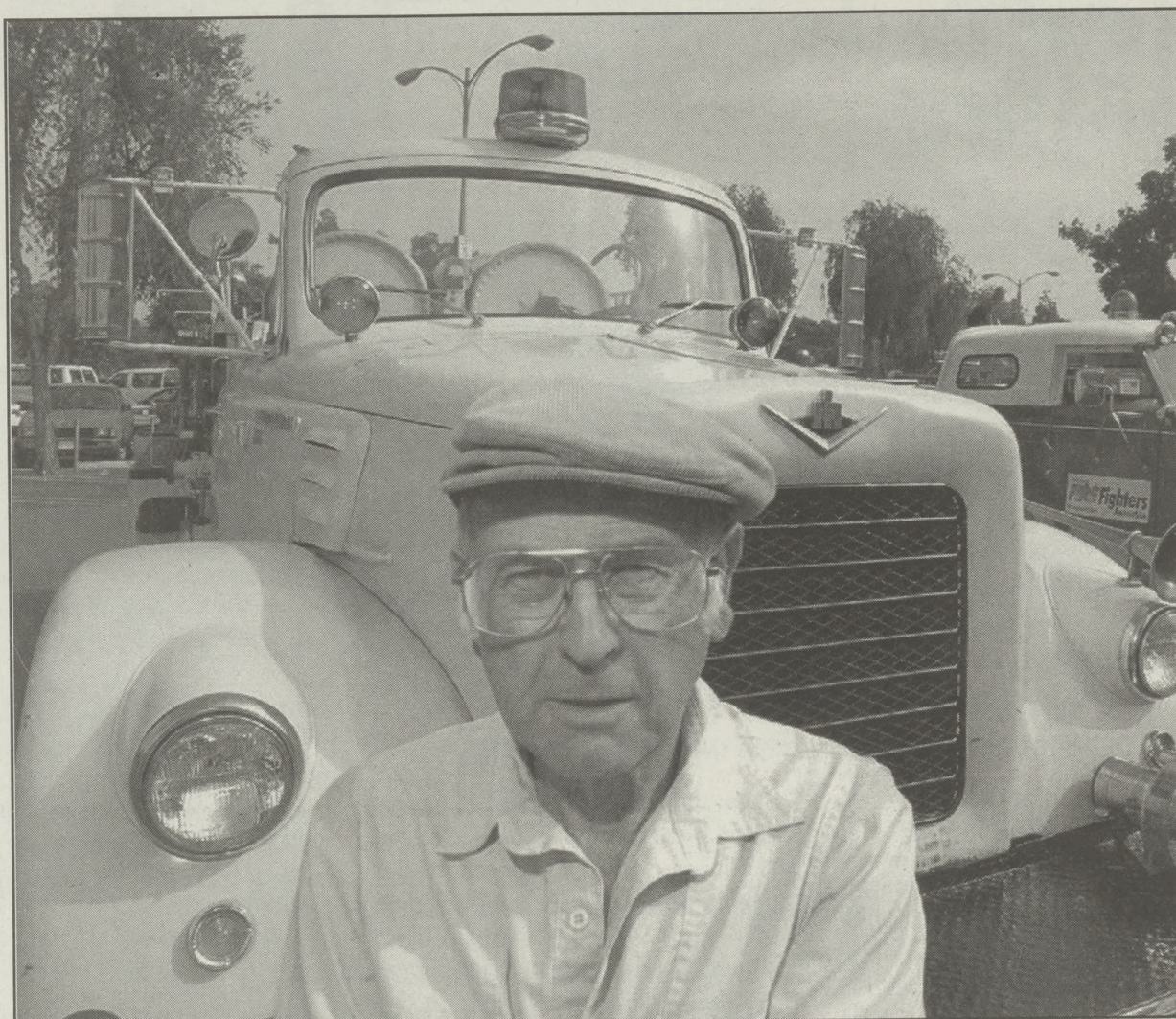
Although some articles and photographs printed in last semester's newspapers were mailed in for judging, the real excitement, said participants, came during "on the spot" competitions, where participants covered specific events under strict deadlines just as they would for major news publications.

"It was wild," said Valley Star photo editor Jorge Gallegos about the feature news photo com-

petition, where several photographers elbowed their way around a volunteer fire fighter group. "There were a lot of photographers shooting the same thing, so it was hard to find an original shot." Gallegos' photo won first place. "I was looking forward to competing," said Gallegos. "I was pretty confident while I was shooting and when I saw the results. My experience as photo editor really helped me choose which shots to take and what to turn in."

"It's a great opportunity for aspiring journalists to learn their trade and network," said Valley Star news editor Ben Jauron, who enjoyed the event despite his disappointment in not winning any writing awards. "I was very disappointed that I didn't receive an award for my article on marijuana use," said Jauron.

"We are always happy to see our students compete well," said Rod Lyons, co-advisor to the Valley Star. "We don't expect them to win every competition, but when they do well, that's icing on the cake."



STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

**JACC-** This photo of Doug Stoner, a member of the Crown Firecoack Enthusiasts Inc. won first prize at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges on the spot feature competition.

### VALLEY STAR AWARDS FOR FALL JACC

#### On the Spot:

1st place - Feature news photo; Jorge Gallegos

2nd place - Sports photo; Jorge Gallegos

3rd place - News photo; Tammy Abbott

Honorable Mention - News photo; Salvador Aguilar

Honorable Mention - Feature writ-

ing; Shari Sollars

Honorable Mention - Headline writing; Shari Sollars

#### Mail-in:

3rd place - Headlines, Valley Star staff

3rd place - Feature photo; Daniel Cohen

4th place - Sports feature photo; Lauren Rudser

4th place - Editorial cartoon; Rogelio Garcia

Honorable Mention - Editorial cartoon; Rogelio Garcia

Honorable Mention - Sports photo; Jorge Gallegos

#### Bring-in:

3rd place - Feature photo; Tammy Abbott

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city laws will expire in Valley city after 6 months, but the identical Valley city laws will then take effect. Any changes in those laws would require a vote.

Anti-secessionists claim that utility bills will skyrocket for valley residents. However, DWP will be required to serve Valley city customers at the same rates charged to L.A. customers. In return, Valley city must use DWP for water until 2042 and for power until 2032. DWP won't raise prices on valley residents if they can keep those customers a few decades longer.

Next time you drive into Burbank, turn your car radio off and listen to the sound of the road.

The dull roar of spinning tires against lumpy grey asphalt will turn to a soft hum when you cross the city line. That's the sound of Burbank residents' tax money at work.

"Bigger" may be better for food portions and SUV's, but not for effective local government. Los Angeles has a population of nearly 3.8 million, and many citizens - particularly those who live in the San Fernando Valley - fail to see how 14 city council members can properly serve such a large and spread-out population. Smaller, more localized city government simply makes sense.

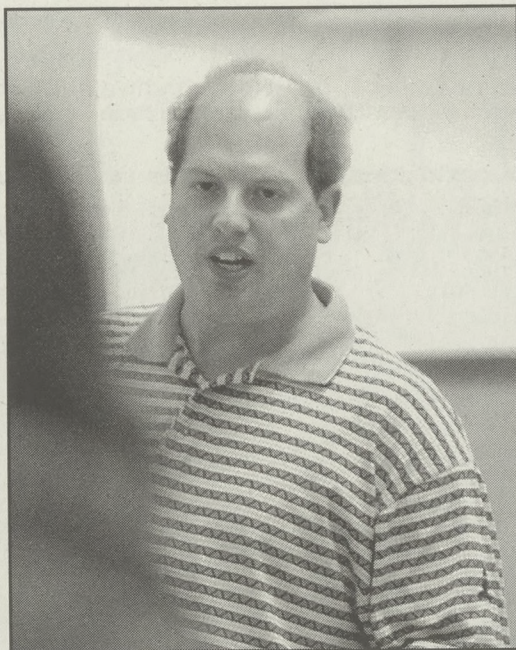
### 'Judge' continued from page 1

his support from Crime Victims United of California. This is because when he graduated law school, he could have been either a defense attorney or a prosecutor, but wanted to be a prosecutor out of sympathy for victims of crime.

Renetzky said that his opponent attacked his credibility in an Adelphi cable program last week:

"When I'm not at work I'm at home with my family, reading bedtime stories to my daughters," said Naranjo. "I don't have time to teach law-related courses at some junior college. That's something I don't have the luxury for." Naranjo added that his community activity includes coaching soccer and T-ball and reading to schoolchildren.

"I'm proud of the fact that I'm teaching here," said Renetzky. "You don't teach unless it's something you want to do. I have two kids and I read them bedtime stories too, I didn't think that was an issue in the



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**NOVEMBER ELECTION-** Part-time college teacher Craig Renetzky is running for Superior Court Judge office 39. Renetzky teaches introduction to criminal justice to high school students as part of an afternoon college program.

election." He plans to continue teaching if elected, saying that being a judge will give him even more of a background.

Renetzky is confident of success, but his major concern is voter apathy. Voters pay little attention to judicial races when compared to the gubernatorial

and congressional elections. "Our courts make life or death decisions," Renetzky said. "The bottom line is that Democracy itself is losing. People shouldn't pick their judges on the 'eeny meeny miny moe' system." He added that every major political decision in the country must go through judges, and unlike governors of congressmen who can be termed or voted out of office, judges don't leave the bench unless they die, retire or commit a blatant indiscretion. He also said it was futile to run against a sitting judge.

Superior court judges serve six-year terms and sitting judges are rarely opposed. Of the more than 400 judges in Los Angeles County, 140 are up for reelection and only four judicial offices are on the November ballot. Of those four, all are open as a result of sitting judges retiring. If elected, Renetzky can be assigned to any court in the county because the position is not for a specific post.

### 'Prop. A' continued from page 1

house instructional media services, the professional media resource center, distant learning and tutoring.

The new field house will have showers, lockers, offices for the athletic department and additional seating for the football field. There will also be a new concession stand.

Parking lots will be connected so drivers won't have to go back onto the street if a lot is full, and there will be new gateways on the north, west and south sides of campus, as well as a main pedestrian entrance and walkway at the southwest corner.

The new three-story allied health science building will house the biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, anthropology, nursing and respiratory therapy departments. The new planetarium will have a digital theatre and can be used for screening and as a lecture hall.

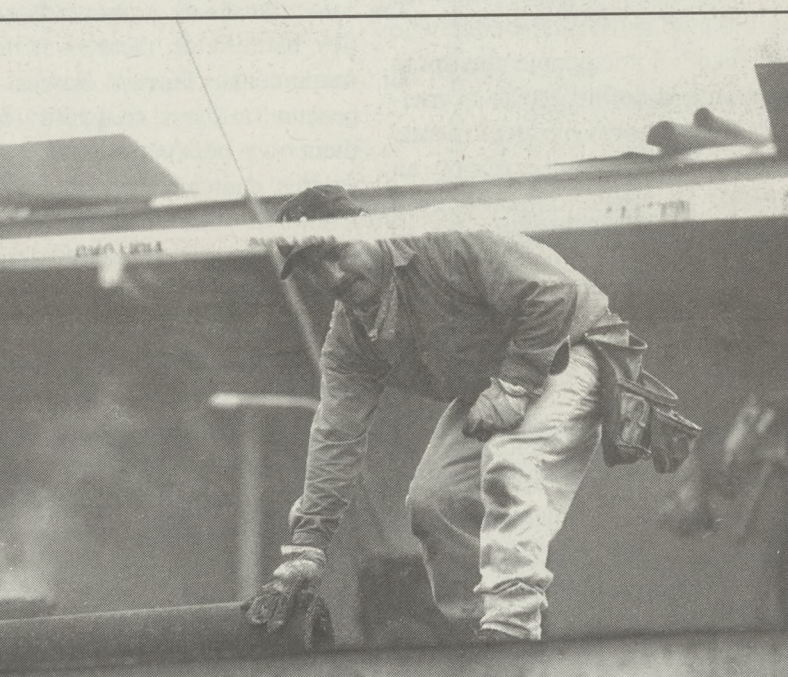
When built, the proposed new computer science and business technology building will be two stories. It will house computer science and have general classrooms, but it may not be built in this phase of the program due to funding limitations.

The current library will be renovated to house the student services department, to include admissions and records and the ASU. It and the administration building will have an external "facelift" and internal restructuring.

### 'Prop. 47' continued from page 1

earth science, anthropology, nursing and respiratory therapy departments - which will all be housed in the new building - do not meet contemporary standards, according to campus administration. If the proposition fails to pass, the school will have to rely on future measures to complete lower priority renovations.

"There will never be enough money to do what we'd like to do," said vice president of administrative services Tom Jacobsmeier. "We'd like to rebuild the whole campus, but that's not in the crystal ball."



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**NEW ROOF-** Workers from Golden State Roofing repair the cafeteria roof as part of Proposition A-funded renovations.

Along with the media arts department, the new media arts building will house the commercial music, cinema, radio, photography and journalism departments. Little has been decided regarding the new child development center.

The new maintenance and operations building will house plant facilities, shipping and receiving and the campus sheriffs, and the north gym will be expanded to accommodate disabled student programs and services. The bungalows will also be leveled for additional parking space.

URS is also building temporary facilities for computer science and financial aid in the

tennis court area adjacent to the North Gym. The "swing space facilities" will be ready for occupancy in early January, Parker said.

Workers are also laying electrical and plumbing lines to service the buildings in the grove to the south. The area has been fenced off for two and-a-half weeks and will be for another week and-a-half. The work is now being done around the perimeter of the grove instead of through the center, so as not to harm the trees' roots.

"A lot of people were concerned about the tree roots being hurt, so we changed the plan," said URS construction worker Richard Park.

16 in December 2001 by Van Nuys Democrat and former state Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg, along with seven other principal authors and 55 co-authors. It also includes a future measure for another \$12.3 billion bond that will appear on the ballot in 2004.

The potential funding from Proposition 47 is less than 1/10th of that from Proposition A passed last April, but according to director of public relations Cindy Sardo, it has benefits that Proposition A didn't.

"The distinction is that this is a state-funded proposition from the general fund and not from local property taxes," Sardo said.

Of the bond funding, \$1.65 billion would go to higher education facilities, with \$746 million for community colleges. The remaining \$11.4 billion would be distributed to K-12 schools.

Mission College would use its \$5.9 million to expand their child development center. CSUN is expecting \$14.7 million to renovate two buildings that were damaged in the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. Pierce College failed to qualify for funding due to low enrollment, but will apply for revenue from a future bond.

Proposition 47 was introduced as part of Assembly Bill



**Proposition 46  
Housing and Emergency  
Shelter Trust Fund Bond Act**

Would create a \$2.1-billion trust fund to build and refurbish low-income housing and expand shelters for battered women and homeless families with children. Includes repairs and improvements to apartments for families and disabled citizens; military veteran homeownership assistance; and security improvements and repairs to existing emergency shelters. Makes cities and counties eligible to receive specified funds. Subjects expenditures to independent audit.

**Proposition 47  
Kindergarten-University Public  
Education Facilities Bond Act**

Provides a bond issue of \$13.05 billion to build new public schools and colleges to relieve overcrowding and accommodate growing student enrollment, and to repair older schools. Funds will be targeted to areas of greatest need and must be spent according to strict accountability measures.

**Proposition 48  
Court Consolidation**

Would amend the state Constitution to delete the municipal courts, which are now obsolete because of consolidation of superior and municipal trial courts into unified superior courts previously approved by the voters. Makes certain conforming and related changes in the Constitution to reflect consolidation.

**Proposition 49  
Before- and After- School  
Programs**

Would require the state to spend up to \$550 million a year on such programs that provide tutoring, homework, homework assistance and educational enrichment. Current state spending is about \$117 million a year. Beginning in 2004-05, money for the programs would have come from the state general fund and not from the education funding guaranteed under Proposition 98. The measure would not go into effect until the non-education portion of the budget grew by at least \$1.5 billion over its highest level in the previous four years. Makes every public elementary and middle/junior high school, including charter schools, eli-

gible for after-school grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Maintains local funding match requirement. Gives priority to schools with predominantly low-income students. Spending could be reduced only if the Legislature suspended Prop 98 (which is unlikely to happen, according to the legislative analyst's office) or if voters passed a subsequent ballot measure. Critics contend that the proposition's built-in protections could lead to cuts in other social, health and education programs during an economic downturn.

**Proposition 50  
Water Quality Supply and safe  
Drinking Water Projects  
And Coastal Wetlands Purchase  
and Protections Bonds**

Authorizes \$3.44 billion in general obligation bonds to fund a variety of water projects; grants and loans to reduce Colorado River water use; the purchase, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands near urban areas; improve security for state, local and regional water systems; grants for desalination and drinking water disinfection; development of river parkways; restoration of habitat in the San

Francisco Bay-San Joaquin Delta estuary.

**Proposition 51  
Transportation, Distribution of  
Existing Motor Vehicle Sales  
and Use Tax**

Will create a "Traffic Congestion Relief and Safe School Bus Trust Funds" by claiming 30% of the sales tax revenue from the lease and sale of new and used motor vehicles that currently goes to the state's general fund. The money would be used for school bus safety, clean air programs, highway and mass transit improvements, among other things. Also identifies 45 transportation and environmental projects around the state that would receive specified amounts of money each year. Redirects specified General Fund revenues of \$420 million in 2002-03, \$910 million in 2003-04, and leasing of motor vehicles. Opponents contend that the measure

will lock in spending on these projects at the expense of health, education or other needs.

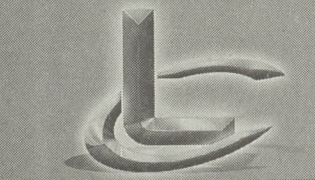
**Proposition 52  
Election Day Voter  
Registration. Voter Fraud  
Penalties**


Would allow eligible citizens to register to vote up to and including election day. Increases criminal penalty for voter and voter registration fraud, and criminalizes conspiracy to commit voter fraud. In the 27 days before an election day, eligible residents could register at their county registrar's office. On election day, eligible residents could register or re-register at their local precinct, provided they have proof they live in the area. Creates a fund to implement the measure and requires trained staff at polling places to manage election day registration. Current law requires voters to register by the 15th day before an election. Opponents say the change would make the system more vulnerable to fraud.

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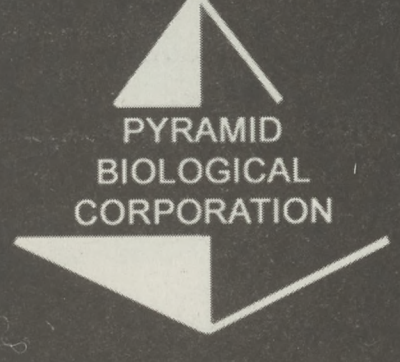
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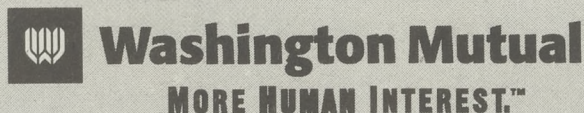
  
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# Sports 7

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## Athlete of the Week: Oscar Sanchez

BY RICARDO MIRANDA  
STAFF WRITER

With the cross-country season in progress, Oscar Sanchez reported ready to take on the rest of the Western State Conference. "I feel great," Sanchez said. "I think I am in the best shape of my life."

Sanchez is a returning sophomore who led the men's cross country team to a conference title last year. After being defeated by one runner last year, he intends to take his first WSC championship medal this year.

He left a mark at Eagle Rock High School, running 15:23 in the Southern California Section finals. He not only qualified for the state finals, but also clocked the fastest time in Eagle Rock's history.

In his spare time, Sanchez goes dancing and spends time with his family.

"My family has been an outstanding support," said Sanchez. "I would not be here if it weren't for them."

With an outstanding season thus far, he set some new goals. He plans on running 20-minute four-miles. For this, he works hard under the direction of 2001's WSC coach of the year, Francois Wolman.

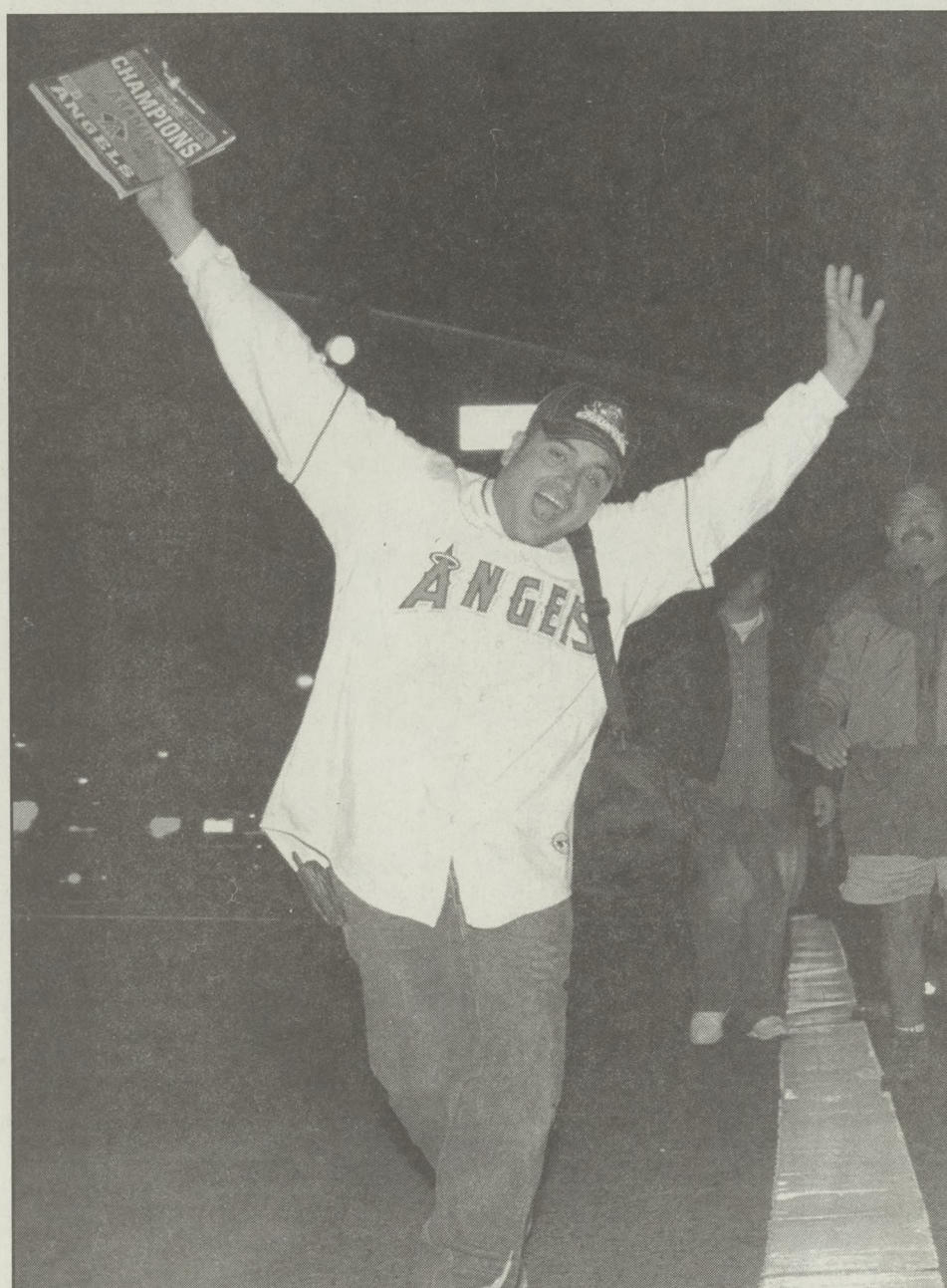
With the return of his running partner, Damian Mendoza, Sanchez believes his squad should face no problems winning its conference.

"Damian is a great runner," Sanchez said. "This forces me to push harder, making me a better runner."

The need to be the best motivates Sanchez to keep going during a race.

"I want to place Valley's name high, and I will do that with God's help," Sanchez said.

With admirable family values, and a strong sense of determination, Oscar Sanchez is the Athlete of the Week.



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**AFTER THE GAME-A** fan celebrates after the Anaheim Angels defeated the San Francisco Giants 4-1 in Game Seven of the World Series Sunday.

### WORLD SERIES RECAP

**GAME 1**  
Angels 3 Giants 4

**GAME 2**  
Angels 11 Giants 10

**GAME 3**  
Giants 4 Angels 10

**GAME 4**  
Giants 4 Angels 3

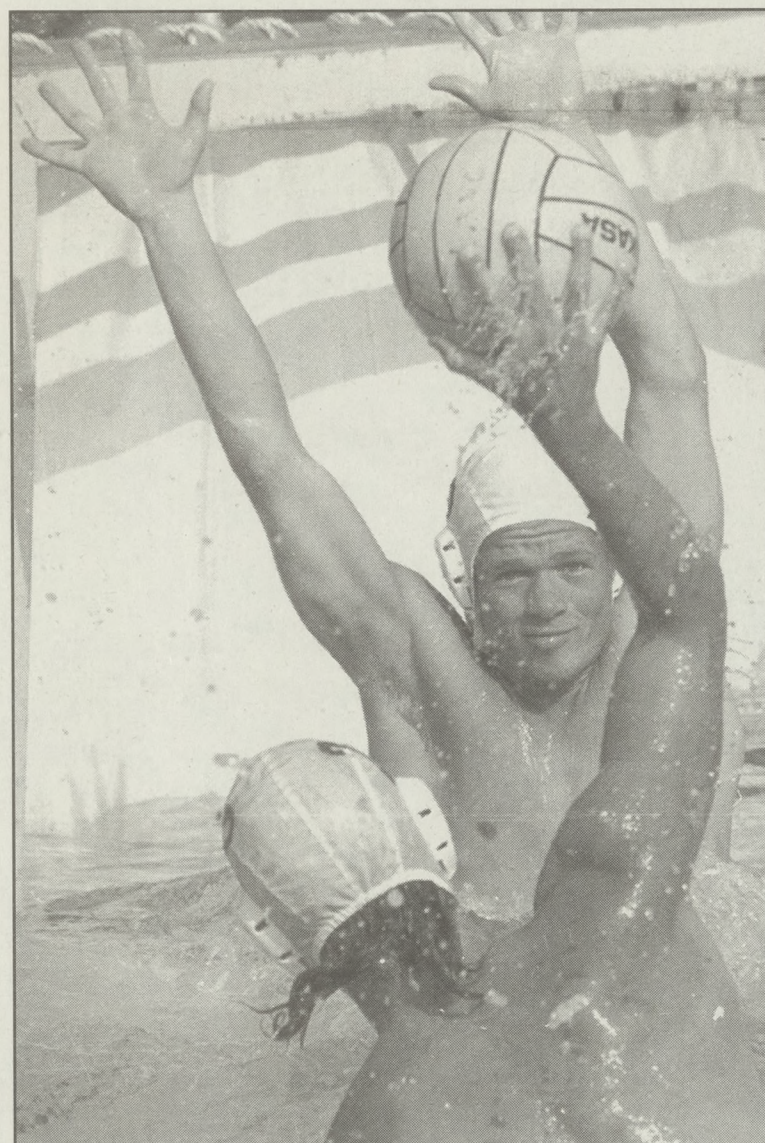
**GAME 5**  
Giants 16 Angels 4

**GAME 6**  
Angels 6 Giants 5

**GAME 7**  
Angels 4 Giants 1

**Angels Win Series 4-3**

**SERIES MVP**  
**Troy Glaus (3B)**  
HR: 3 RBI: 8 AVG: .385



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**DEFENSE-The** Men's Water Polo team practices its defense before their 8-6 loss against Cuesta Wednesday.

### LAVC SCORES

**FOOTBALL (3-3)**  
Valley 10 Harbor 26  
Next Game: 11/2 1pm vs. Bakersfield

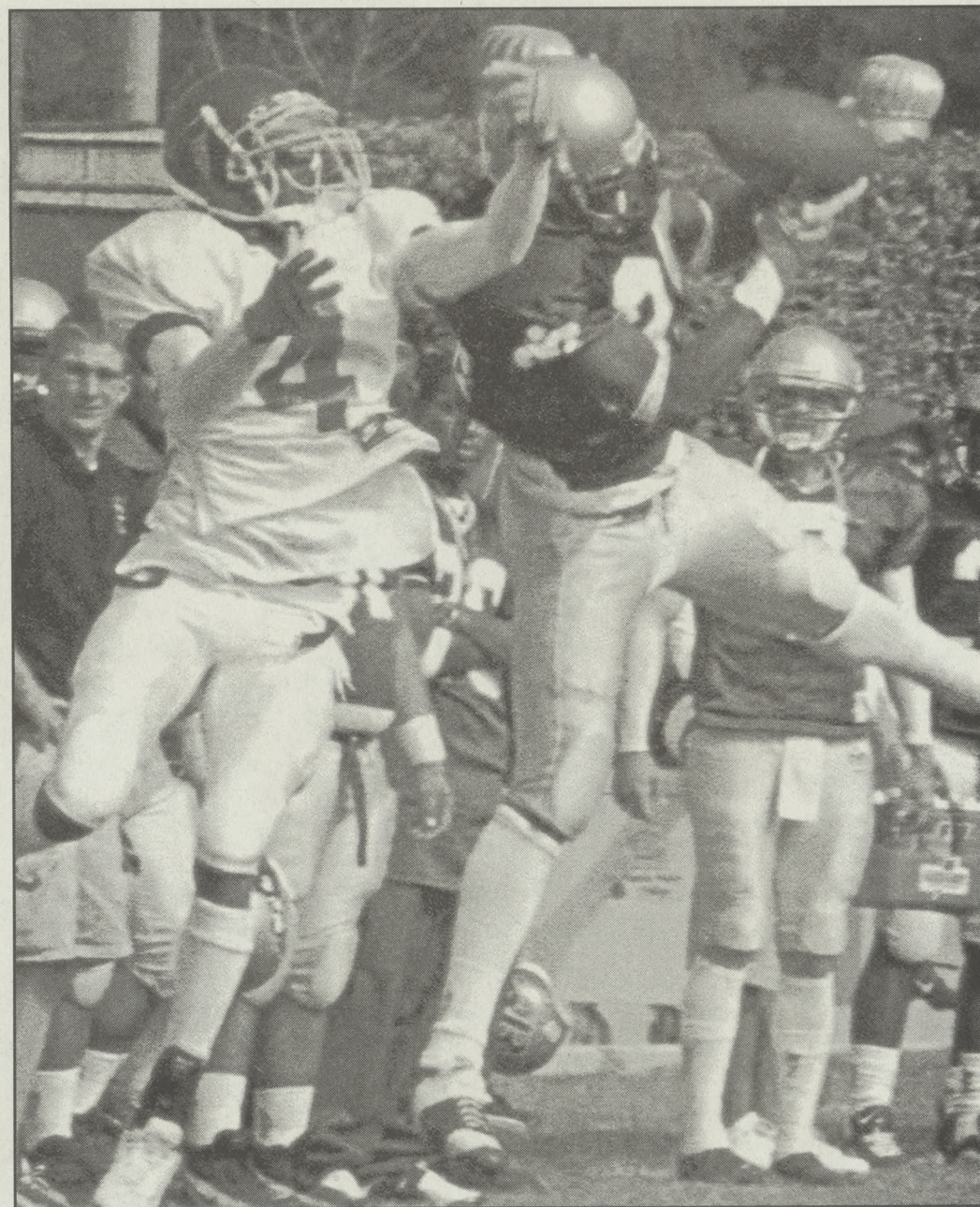
**WOMEN'S SOCCER 2**  
Valley 0 Bakersfield 5  
Next Game: 11/5 3pm vs. SMC

**MEN'S WATER POLO (17-7)**  
Cuesta 8 Valley 6  
Next Game: 11/1,2 3pm @ SMC  
\*ranked 8th in State

**WOMEN'S WATER POLO (19-6)**  
Cuesta 6 Valley 5  
Next Game: 11/1,2 WSC Tourney

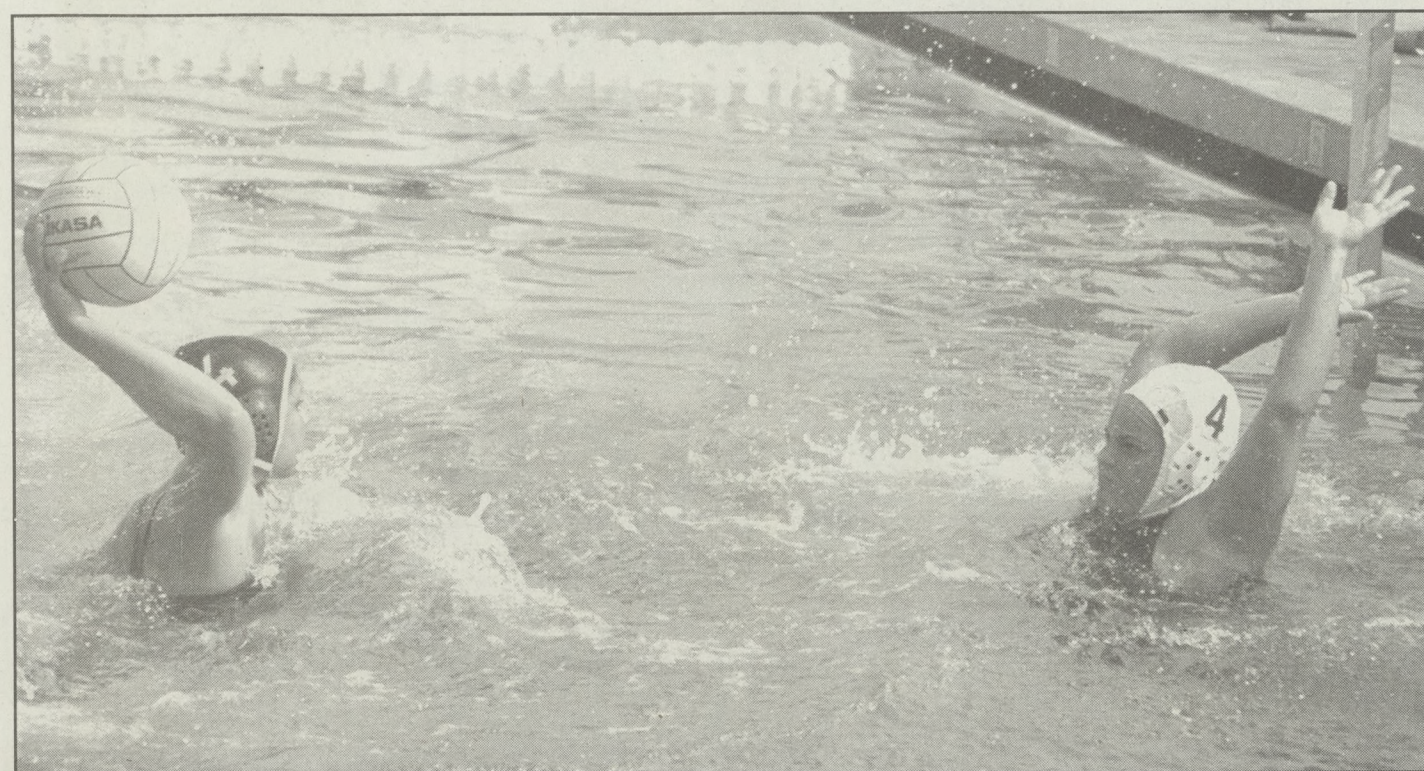
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**MEN 5th place (6km run)**  
Damian Mendoza 5th 22:00  
Kevin Lelles 13th 22:16  
Nelson Alfaro 25th 22:51  
Andres Ordonez 31st 23:17  
Rovin Deleon 48th 24:28  
Jesus Servin 68th 25:46

**WOMEN (5km run)**  
Reyna Dominguez 29th 21:34  
Bridgette Wheeler 66th 25:33  
Eleonora Asoyan 71st 26:26  
Laura Willette 79th 31:47  
Next Meet: 11/1 WSC Finals



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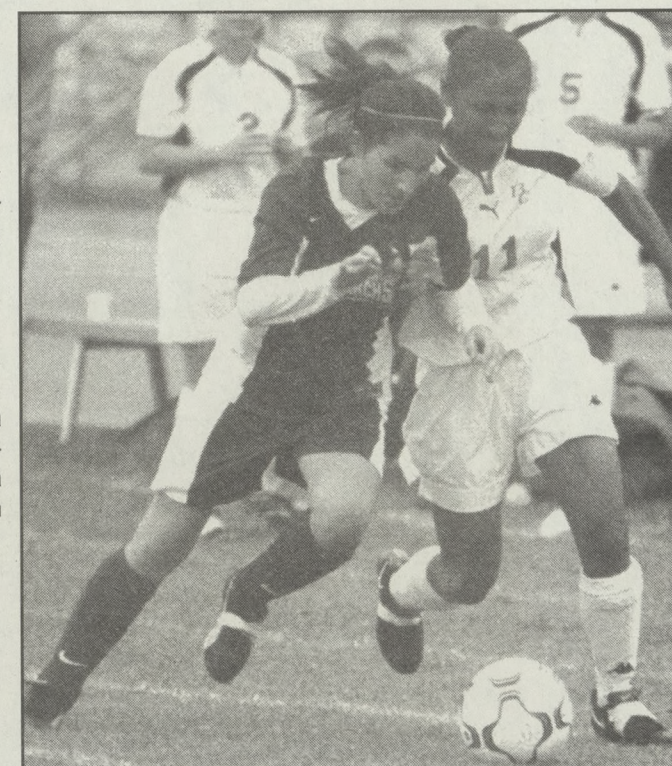
**HOMEcoming-A** Monarch receiver takes a pass away from Harbor in Saturday's game at Valley. The Monarchs came up short against the Seahawks, 24-10.



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(Left)  
**ONE ON ONE-The** Lady Monarchs practice before their 6-5 loss against Cuesta Wednesday.

(Right)  
**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER-** Monarch defender Marcela Ayala and a Bakersfield forward battle for the ball in a Friday's game at Monarch Stadium. The Ladies lost 5-0.



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# 8 Gallery

## HOMECOMING 2002



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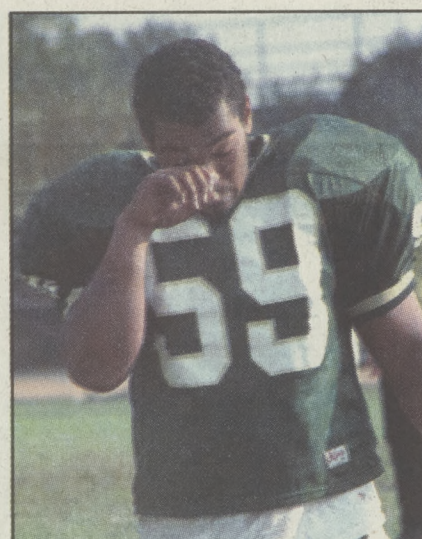
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**1. The game was highlighted by the halftime presentation of the homecoming court.**

**2. Amral Johnson deflects a pass from Harbor.**

**3. Monarch cheerleaders ride during the halftime parade.**

**4. Linebacker Matt Carter wipes off his sweat after the 26-10 loss.**

**5. Coach Ron Ponciano discusses offensive strategy before the game.**

**6. Brook Emelio leads the Monarchs into the second half.**



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